

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Non-Final Office Action dated February 16, 2006. By way of this amendment, claims 23, 24, and 26 have been cancelled. Claims 1-15 and 18-21 are currently pending in the application. Further review is requested in light of the following remarks.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that claims 1-15 and 18-21 are allowed.

Claims 23 and 26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Bowen et al. (4,275,972). Claim 24 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bowen et al. in view of Pearce (6,612,060).

While applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner, claims 23, 24, and 26 have been cancelled to further the prosecution of the application.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested. Allowance of claims 1-15 and 18-21 at an early date is solicited.

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